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FOLLOWING REPEAT LUXEMBOURG 0390 ACTION SECSTATE 18 JUNE.

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S E C R E T LUXEMBOURG 0390

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO SECRETARY'S PARTY IN OTTAWA.

E.O. 11652: XGDS
TAGS: OVIP, LU
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER THORN REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT NIXON.

1. I RECEIVED CALL THIS MORNING FROM PIERRE WURTH, SECRETARY-GENERAL, MFA, ADVISING OF FACT THAT PRIME MINISTER THORN IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON BILATERALLY WHEN HE IS IN BRUSSELS. MR. WURTH STRESSED THE FACT THAT INASMUCH AS MR. THORN WAS SWORN-IN AS THE PRIME MINISTER AND ALSO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THIS MORNING (JUNE 18), HE FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR HIM IN NEW POSITION THAT HE MEET
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WITH THE PRESIDENT WHEN HE VISITS BRUSSELS.

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2. I RECOMMEND THAT EVERY CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ARRANGING A MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER THORN AND THE PRESIDENT. A MEETING AT THIS TIME, WHEN MR. THORN HAS JUST ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF PRIME MINISTER, NOT ONLY WOULD BE MEANINGFUL TO MR. THORN, BUT COULD AID THE U.S. IN ACHIEVING ITS OBJECTIVES VIS-A-VIS THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE THAT THORN IS CAPABLE OF PLAYING A LARGER ROLE IN EC COUNCILS NOW THAT HE SPEAKS BOTH AS FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRIME MINISTER. ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO THE U.S. IN EC INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS IN THE PAST, A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT COULD ENCOURAGE HIM TO TAKE A MORE FORCEFUL ROLE IN SUPPORTING U.S. INTERESTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

3. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD ALLY IN LUXEMBOURG AND ALSO, A GOOD FRIEND IN THE MAN WHO NOW HEADS THE COUNTRY. I THINK THESE ARE TWO VERY GOOD AND IMPORTANT POINTS IN FAVORING HIM WITH HIS REQUEST. FARKAS UNQUOTE BROWN

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